

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

- 1-6. **canceled**
7. **(currently amended):** A method for treating insufficiency of peripheral circulation or peripheral angiostenosis in ~~a peripheral muscle of~~ a subject for which HGF is effective, comprising administering intramuscularly at the affected site ~~to the peripheral muscle of the subject~~ a therapeutically effective amount of an expression vector containing a constitutive promoter operably linked to a HGF gene-coding sequence ~~in a therapeutically effective amount~~.
8. **(currently amended):** The method of claim 7, wherein said expression vector is a non-viral expression vector containing a HGF gene-coding sequence.
9. **(previously presented):** The method of claim 8, wherein said non-viral expression vector is encapsulated in a liposome.
10. **(previously presented):** The method of claim 9, wherein the membrane of said liposome is fused with attenuated Sendai virus particles.
11. **(currently amended):** The method of claim 7, wherein said expression vector is a viral expression vector containing a HGF gene-coding sequence.